

PRESTONS CLIFFS

late 18th. c.
(altered)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI #0500596227

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Preston's Cliffs

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

On Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Property, Calvert Cliffs Parkway

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Lusby

VICINITY OF

Calvert

STATE

COUNTY

MD**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Baltimore Gas & Electric Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

MD
STATEPrince Frederick**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CT-59

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Contrary to popular belief, this house never had an "overhanging jetty" and the earliest part of the structure was at the southeast end rather than at the northeast. The initial stage consisted of a one-story, two-bay house containing one ground-floor room and a small attic chamber. The roof framing displayed the use of large purlins and wind braces. A single chimney stood at one end but was later removed. The house was enlarged by extending it by one room at the west facade. Two chimneys were built at the south end. The house was extended (circa 1830) by a center hall and two rooms to the north end, also with two exterior chimneys.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

St. Mary's City Commission structural & archaeological study,
and HABS drawings (both by Cary Carson, 1973)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 107

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

MD
STATE

Description and significance statements from Maryland Historic Sites Inventory,
vol. 1

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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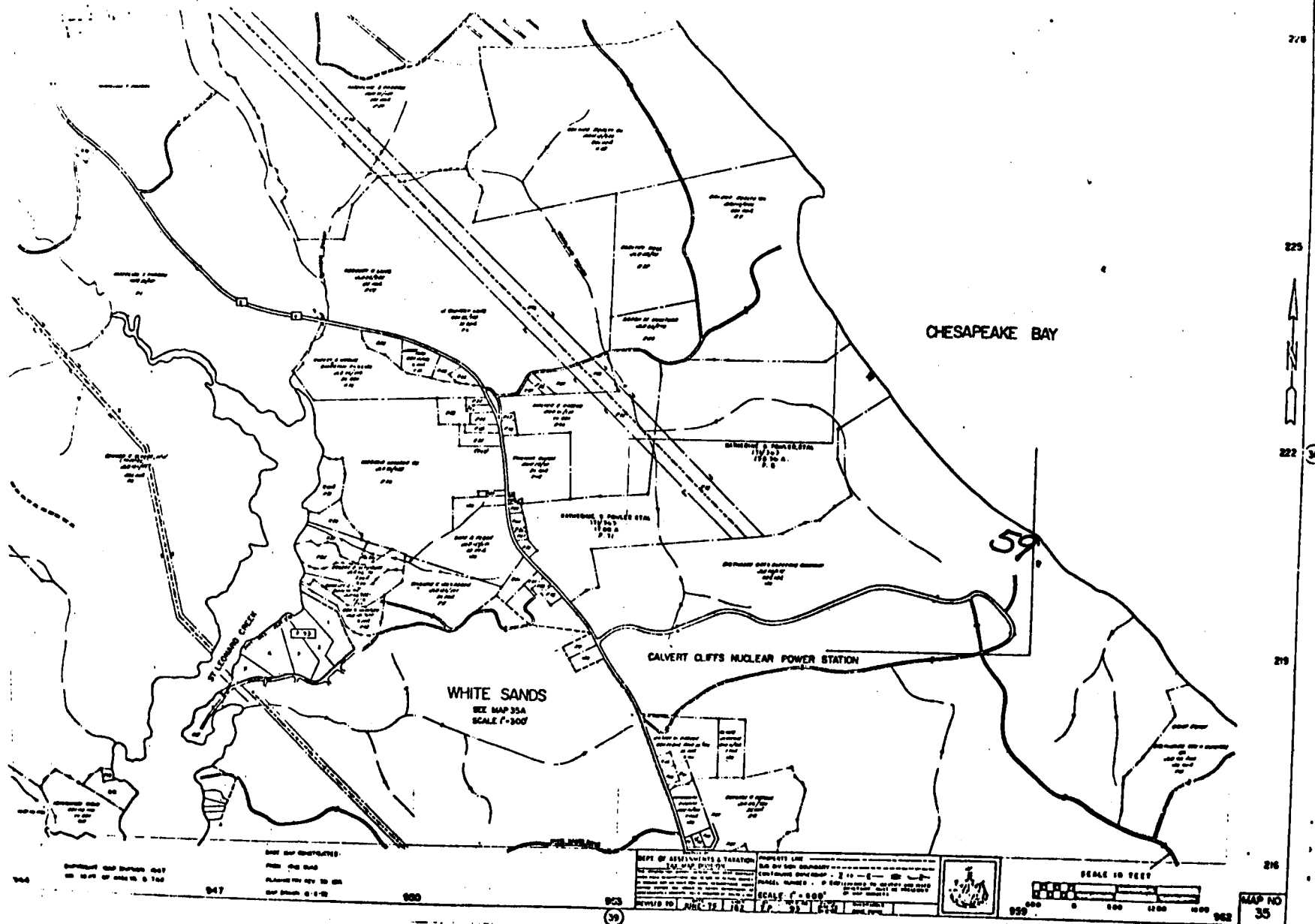
1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Calvert</u> TOWN _____ VICINITY <u>Lusby</u> STREET NO. _____		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER <u>Capt. Richard Ladd</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>Dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Baltimore Gas & Elect.</u> PRESENT USE <u>Abandoned</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Clapboard</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>1 1/2</u>		2. NAME <u>Preston's Cliffs</u> <u>CT-59</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>Middle 18th Century</u> STYLE <u>Maryland Colonial</u> ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER <u>Captain Richard Ladd</u>	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
PRESTON'S CLIFFS, a good example of a small Maryland plantation house of the 18th century, now stands deserted, rotting away, and beyond hope of restoration. The house is 5 bays wide with a central door which had an overlight from one existing frame, it appears that the windows were 6/6. There are double chimneys at each end of the house, separated from the wall above the first storey level. There were one storey frame pents between these chimneys but only piles of rotting boards remain. One of the chimneys has an opening on the outside, and from the marks on the brick it appears that a kitchen wing was once attached to the house at that point. There are 3 dormers on the front and back of the house. The first mention of the house occurs in 1691 when Captain Richard Ladd left it in his will to Christ Church Parish. From the framing now exposed it appears that this was a one room house with a narrow winding staircase to the loft above. Another room was added in back of this about 1720 or so. Both of these old rooms have chair rails beaded on both sides and very simple door and window frames surrounded by simple molding like that found on the fireplace. The fireplaces in these rooms had their frames covered with plaster and were surrounded by a flat board edged with molding. The two loft rooms above are similarly treated. In 1750-1780 the central hall and the two rooms on the other side of the hall were added. No panelling remains in these rooms. The stair hall had square balusters and scrolled step-ends. The second floor balcony rail curved as is typical of many houses in Calvert County. The boards on the staircase itself are vertically applied and are beaded. The interior woodwork in this house*		OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered _____ Interior _____ Exterior _____	
*is very similar to that in the old part of Parran's Park.		Deteriorating rapidly. Something should be done to save the existing moldings and panelling from further vandalism.	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Paul A. Brinkman</u>	
		DATE OF RECORD <u>July 27, 1967</u>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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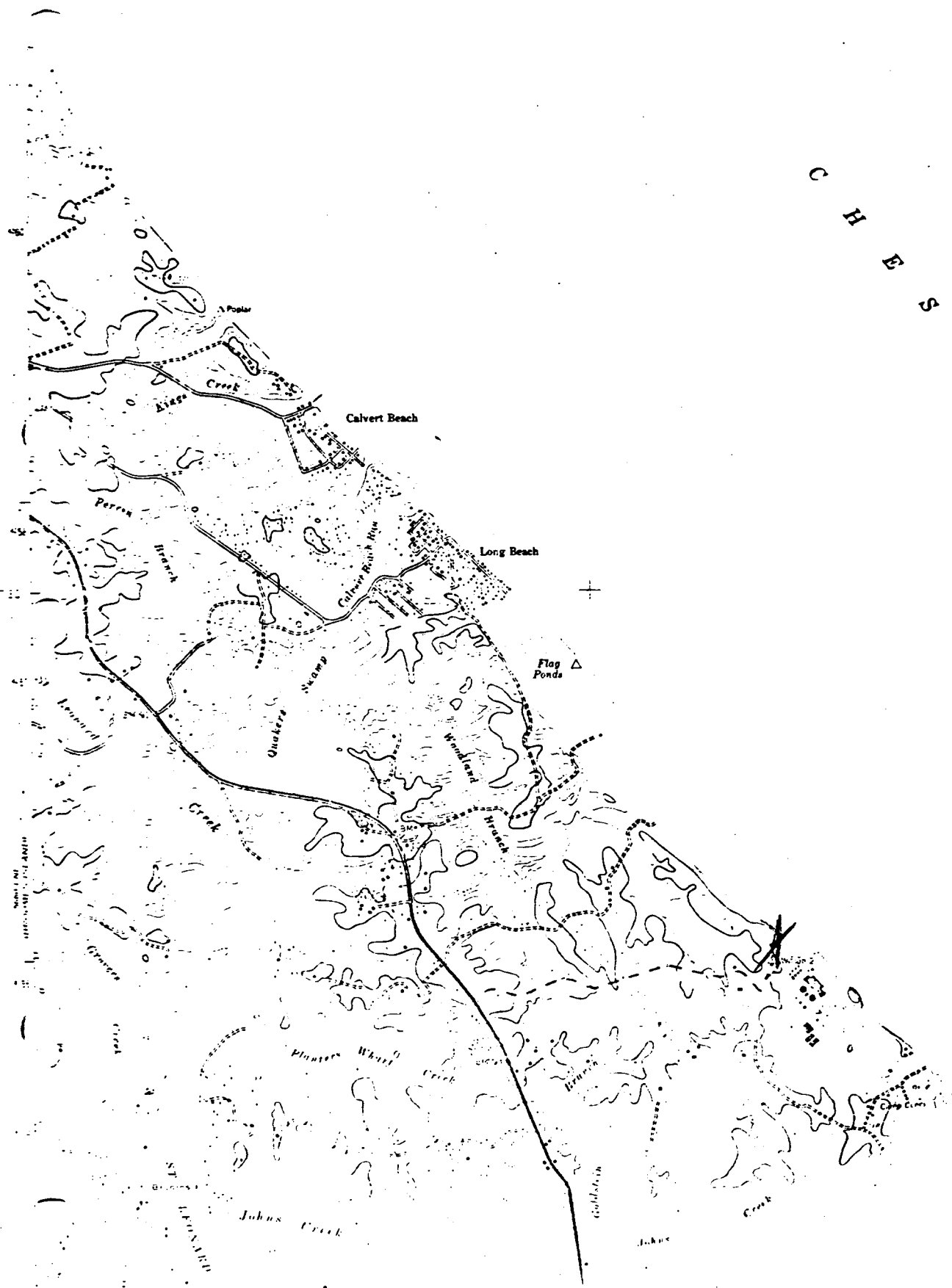
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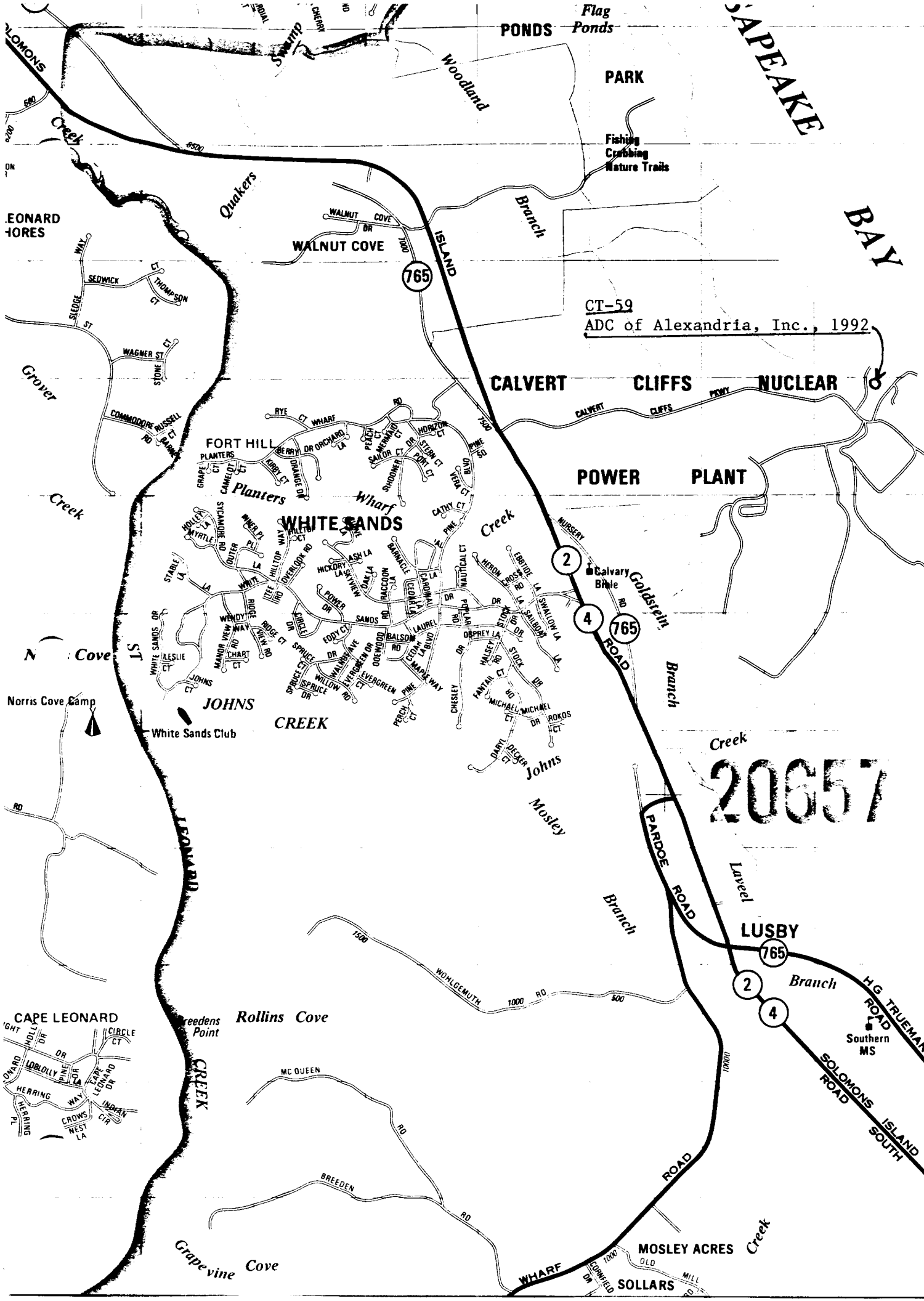


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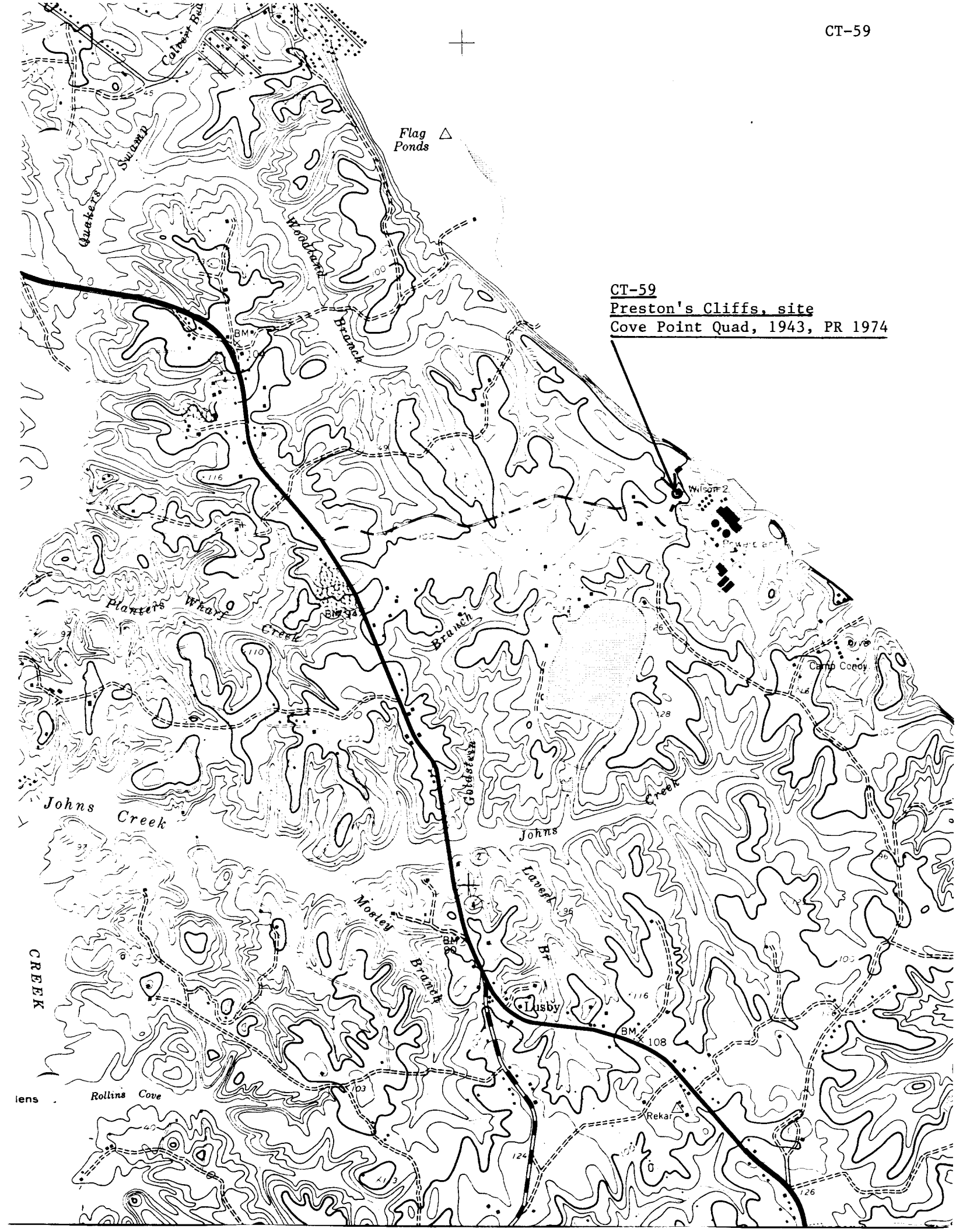
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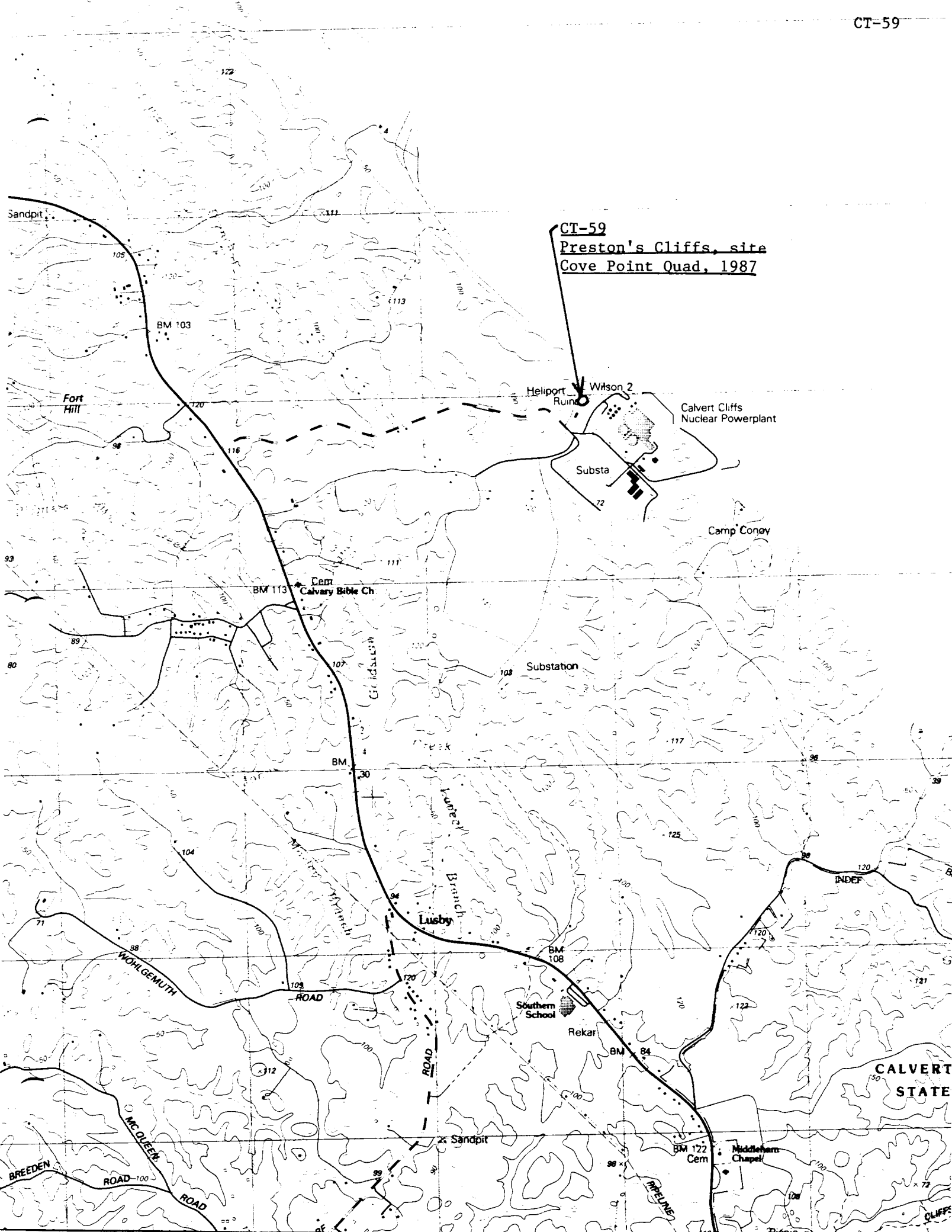
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Joins Map 17

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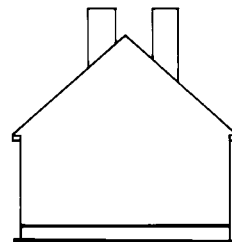
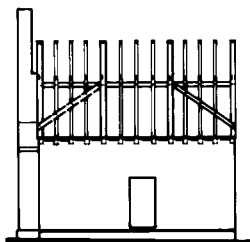
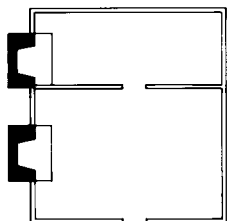
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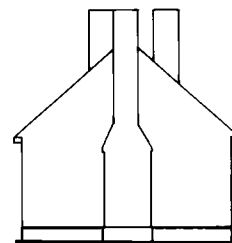
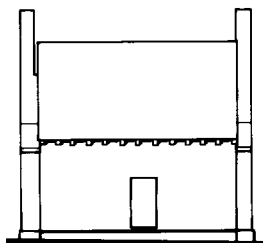
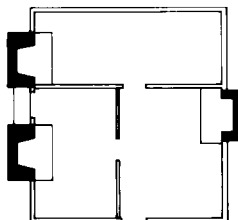


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Preston's Cliffs, site
Cove Point Quad, 1987

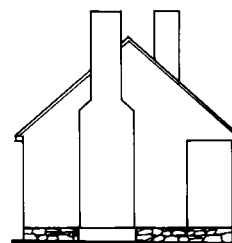
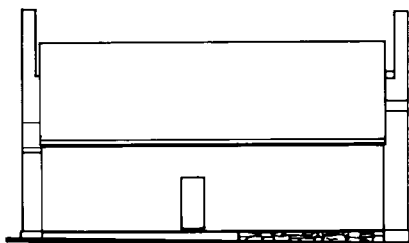
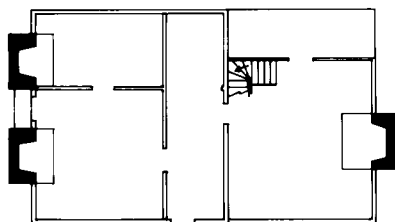
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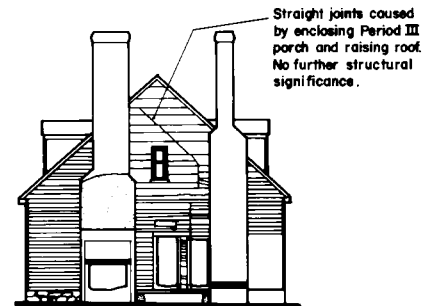
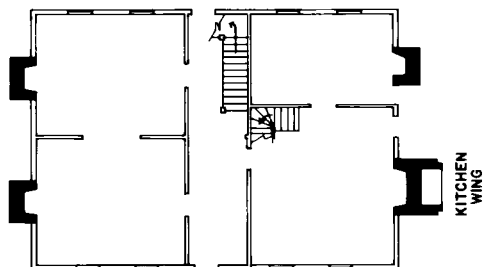
PERIOD II: Before III



PERIOD III: c. 1810-1830



PERIOD IV: Later 19th c.
As shown 1971



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

EAST ELEVATION

NORTH ELEVATION

3/32" = 1'-0"

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LUSBY VICINITY

NAME AND LOCATION OF STRUCTURE
HOUSE ON CALVERT CLIFFS
CALVERT COUNTY

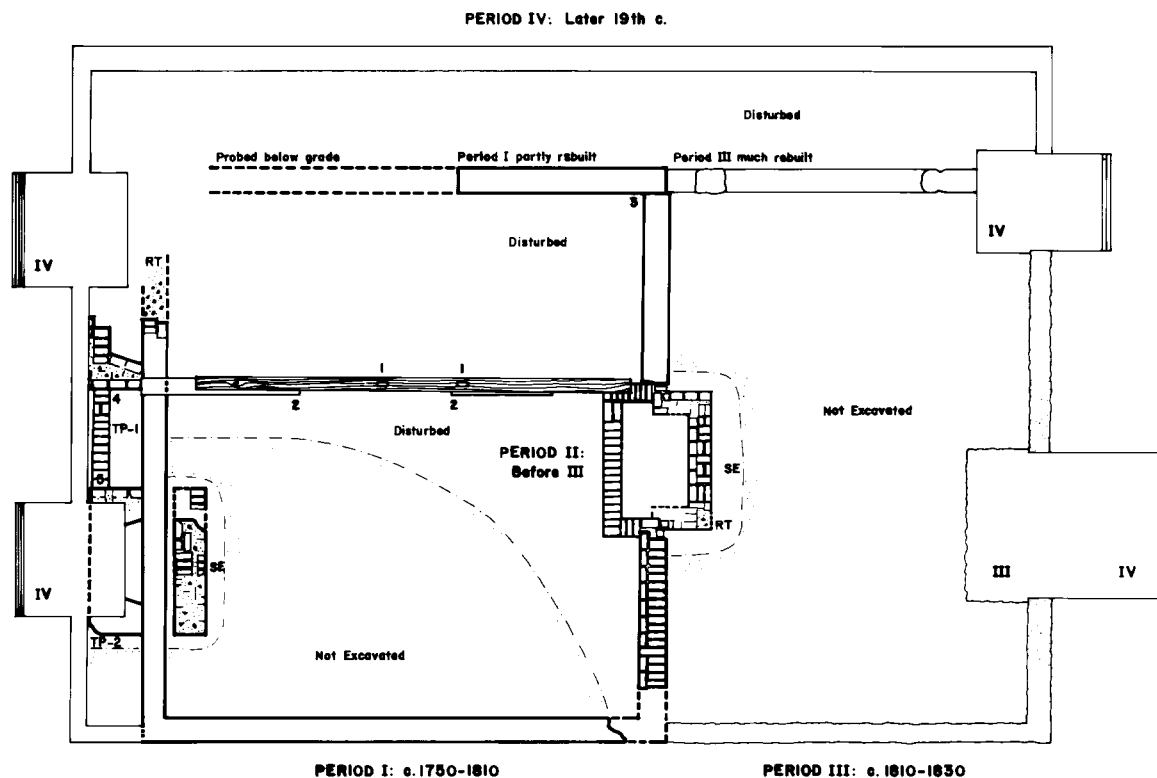
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SURVEY NO.

HISTORIC AMERICAN
BUILDINGS SURVEY
SHEET 1 OF 2 SHEETS

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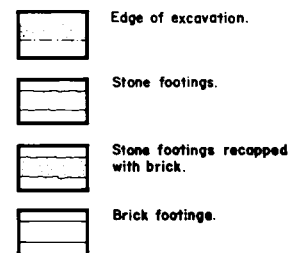
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PLAN OF FOUNDATIONS



- TP-1 Test pit to surface of construction backfill.
- TP-2 Test pit into robbers' trench revealed edge of chimney.
- RT Robbers' trench
- SE Shallow excavation
- ① Mortices for door frame in Period I or II sill.
- ② Footing rebuilt during Period IV.
- ③ Not bonded. Result of rebuilding or sequential construction.
- ④ Footing for probable steps. Period II.
- ⑤ Period I scored joints overlaid by mortar of Period II.



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